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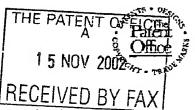
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#### **Electronic Transmission Inhibition**

Due to potential navigation, fuel supply and instrumentation problems on aircraft if portable phones are used on board, passengers are required to switch off electronic equipment and phones.

However, equipment will have been left on in hand luggage and in the hold inadvertently. Alternatively, people will be wilful or not realise that a laptop could have the same effect as a portable phone.

The essence of the invention is a simple circuit which, when added to a phone or laptop the ability to generate signals is inhibited automatically when in close proximity to, or in, a plane.

This principle could also be applied to theatres, cinemas and conference centres. All that would be required would be a small box in the vicinity of the seating area.

However, in an aircraft there would be no requirement for a box as there is a unique signal from a plane which is not found in other environments.

Specifically, aircraft are powered by 400 Hz generators which may vary by up to 6% in frequency in some situations. The invention includes a 400Hz live wire detector.

It was established in tests on a Boeing 737 that a simple detector could detect the presence of a plane from 20 Metres and in the hold of the aircraft, the signal was extremely strong. The signal could be used to inhibit any phones in the vicinity [See diagrams 1 to 3].

Alternatively, it has been experienced by everyone that an annoying handshake signal from a nearby portable phone can be picked on a land line telephone. This signal may be used to detect that an active phone is in the vicinity. With a simple "black box" in the plane, theatre or hospital a phone would be detected and shut down or sleep signal. This would only require a software update on the portable phone to enable compliance to shut down whilst in the vicinity of the "black box"

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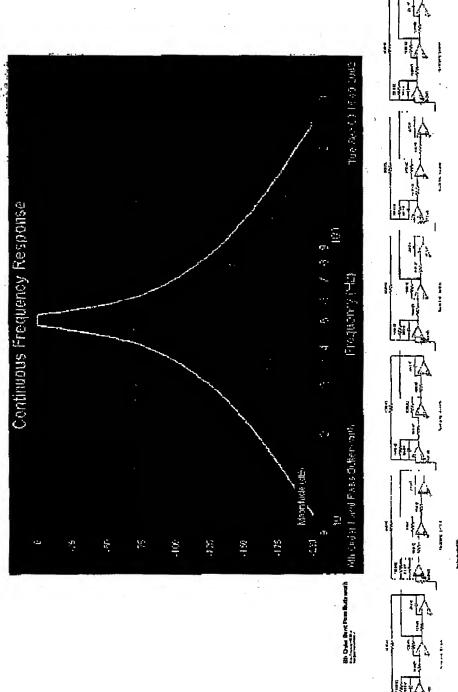
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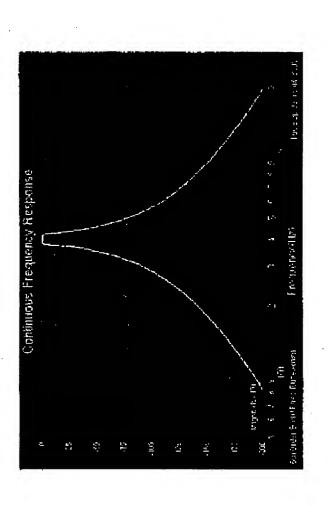
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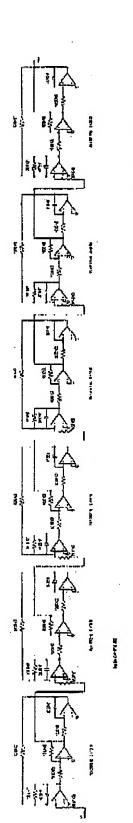
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